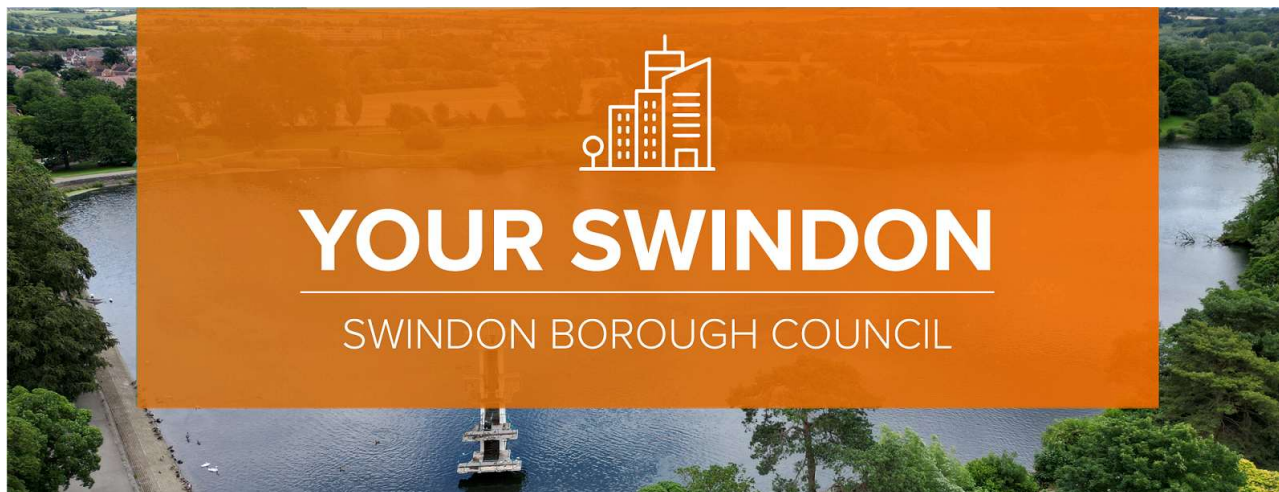


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Summer fun comes to Swindon town centre



An empty events space in Swindon town centre will be transformed into a pop-up park hosting a number of free family events this summer.

Throughout August, activities such as an outdoor cinema and planetarium, will occupy Wharf Green next to McDonalds. Each weekend (starting from 2 August) visitors will see a different

theme with a marquee activity taking place.

There will also be activities taking place every Wednesday, including art and circus workshops.

Food vendors will also be attending and there will be a number of other free activities related to each theme.

The pop-up park (including a covering, faux grass and additional picnic benches) will remain in place throughout the month and will be available for people to use, even when no events are taking place.

[Find out more about the free events.](#)

Train station transformation on track thanks to funding boost



A game-changing regeneration scheme, which will transform Swindon railway station and the surrounding land, has received another significant cash injection to kick-start the project.

Known as Swindon Knowledge Central, more than 100 acres of brownfield land next to the railway has been earmarked for redevelopment, creating a new high-quality commercial district within Swindon town centre, thousands of new jobs and hundreds of new homes.

Ahead of the next meeting of the strategic board which is overseeing the scheme, it has been announced that an additional £175,000 has been secured from the One Public Estate (OPE) programme to create a master plan for the site, support design work and prepare a business case to unlock future funding streams.

You can read more about this exciting project on [our website](#).

Greenbridge roundabout road markings to be refreshed



The road markings at Greenbridge roundabout are set to be refreshed as work to improve Swindon's roads continues.

Alongside this work, the Council's team will also undertake some patching work to fill gaps that have appeared in the road's surface. This work will help to extend the life of the roundabout and help reduce further deterioration.

The work is expected to begin on Monday, 23 June and continue until Thursday, 26 June. The team will use lane closures overnight between 8pm and 6am and the work will be done in phases to mitigate the impact on traffic. These dates are subject to unforeseen circumstances, including bad weather. [Read more.](#)

Food waste recycling trialled in flats



By March 2026 we'll be expanding the food waste recycling service to all 11,000 flats in the Borough.

So far this year, 1,873 tonnes of food waste has been collected from houses across the Borough who already receive the service. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped make the service a success.

A pilot scheme involving around 500 flats began on Monday (9 June), helping us shape a system that works for communal properties before the full rollout.

[Read more about the trial.](#)

New £2.6m grant to provide support to local people



Having distributed more than 34,000 food vouchers and supported 2,324 local households with energy bills last year, we will again be helping families through the [Household Support Fund](#) thanks to a new grant worth £2.6m.

The additional funding will be provided to households who need additional support for essentials, such as food, heating and housing.

Tenants have their say at first 'Let's talk Housing' events